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ASTORIA, OREGON

HEAVY LOSS TO BRITISH FORCE

Attack on Convoy at Vondonop,
Near Klerksdorp, Was
Successful.

OVER SIX HUNDRED MEN LOST

Boers Also Succeeded in Cap-
turing Two Guns—Attack-
ing Force Numbered
1500 Men.

LONDON, March 3.—A dispatch from Pretoria, dated today, contains details of the disaster to the escort of the convoy of empty wagons at Vondonop, southwest of Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony. The British casualties in killed, wounded and men made prisoners reach the total of 632. In addition, the Boers captured two guns.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, who commanded the British force and who has returned to Klerksdorp, Cape Colony, with nine officers and 245 men, reports that when his advance guard was within 10 miles of Klerksdorp, during the morning of February 25, the Boers opened a heavy rifle fire on the troops from the shrub. These burghers were driven off, and the convoy resumed its march, when a more determined attack was made on the convoy's left flank, the Boers getting within a hundred yards and stampeding the mules harnessed to a number of wagons. The attacking forces were again driven off.

At about 6:30 in the morning the rear guard was attacked by a strong force of Boers and simultaneously another body of Boers boldly charged the center of the convoy and stampeding the mules in all directions, throwing the escort into confusion, during which the Boers charged and recharged, riding down the British units. The fighting lasted for two hours, during which the two British guns and a pom-pom almost exhausted their ammunition. A detachment of 200 mounted infantry from Klerksdorp, attempted to reinforce the British, but were held in check by the Boers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson adds that the strength of the Boers was estimated at from 1200 to 1700. Commandants Delarey, Kemps, Celliers, Lemmer, Wolmarans and Potgieters were all present. Commandant Lemmer is said to have been killed.

PEDICAMENT OF PASSENGERS.

Taken From Train in Row Boats and
Saved From Drowning.

NEW YORK, March 3.—For the first time, probably in the history of the New York Central, the passengers on the famous Empire State Express have been taken from the palatial cars in row boats at the dead of night to save them from drowning in their berths. They were all rescued, but the train stands half submerged on the rails where the torrents forced the crew to leave it, says an Albany, N. Y., special to the Herald.

One of the last trains to leave Albany over the Hudson River division for New York was the regular 5 o'clock train which left Albany Saturday at 6 p. m. That train got through. The Empire State Express, from the West, followed soon afterward, but was stalled by the ice and flood at Castleton.

At that point, half a dozen trains are now stalled. The passengers were taken off in row boats and were cared for at nearby hotels or transferred in boats to relief trains waiting on the southern side of the break. Passengers on stalled north-bound trains were cared for in a similar way until arrangements had been made for using the tracks of the West Shore line beyond Hudson.

TO FIGHT THE TRUST.

New War Paper Company Formed,
With \$5,000,000 Capital.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Opposition to wax paper trust, which now practically controls a business of about \$100,000,000 a year, is to be centered in a new company, in which Chicago capitalists are interested, says the Chronicle. A charter will be asked for in South Dakota within the next thirty days for the Wax Paper Company of America, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and factories will be in operation in four states before the end of three months.

The so-called trust is known as the Union Wax Paper & Parchment Company, and its headquarters is in New York. The new company will compete with it by establishing two factories in the state of New York—

one in New York City and the other in Buffalo, and other factories in Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati. The eastern factories will also be put in operation.

A system of making stockholders of customers will be inaugurated by the new company and this is expected to result in breaking the present combination. The promoters of the Wax Paper Company of America, the Chronicle asserts, do not hesitate to say that they seek the utter annihilation of the union company.

SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.

But Martin Curley, of Worcester,
Mass., Is Alive and Well.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Friends of Martin Curley, who was supposed to have been buried at Worcester, ten years ago, have lately received letters from him, says a Springfield, Mass., special to the World, stating that he is prospecting in Minnewaukan, North Dakota, and that he will soon return to Springfield on a visit.

Just after Curley left Springfield a man was killed in the Worcester freight yard. His body was badly mangled, but it was decided the man was Curley. As a result a modest stone in a Worcester cemetery marks the supposed resting place of Martin Curley.

A CHILD BRIDE.

CHICAGO, March 3.—According to a special to the Tribune from Nashville, Tenn., the youngest bride in the country is Mrs. James Irwin, aged 10 years, of Centerville, Hickman county. She has just been married. Her husband is between 45 and 50 years of age.

NEW PLAN FOR MERGER

SCHEME SUGGESTED TO
BEAT THE LAW.

Reported Purpose to Incorporate
in Canada, but Denial Is
Made by Hill.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Emphatic denials have been made by the financiers and railroad officials interested in the Northern Securities Company that it is proposed to incorporate a company under the laws of Canada, legally equipped to protect the interests of shareholders in the railroad merger.

In the event of embarrassment owing to President Roosevelt's instructions Attorney General Knox.

What is peculiar in the face of those denials is the fact that for some time there has been talk among well informed financiers of a possible organization of a company in England or Canada for the administration of the affairs of the Northern Securities Company if an adverse decision of the courts should invalidate the merger.

It was argued by these men that this holding corporation was in no way connected with the operation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems, which between them control the Burlington interests.

With the consent of the stockholders who have invested in the merger securities, the control exercised by the combination could be directed from foreign soil, so far as the administration and advisory officers are concerned. The investors, however, who are unfamiliar with the corporation laws of other countries, went into the merger as a company formed under the laws of New Jersey and according to the opinion of a well known financier, would be opposed to taking extra territorial chances which they had not bargained for.

President Hill of the Securities Company was not content with a denial of any interest in the charter, but wished to be quoted as saying he had never heard of the plan before its publication.

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ENTHUSIASM AT BANQUETS

Royal Visitor Proposes Health
of President Roosevelt,
Which Is Drunk Amid
Prolonged Cheers.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Prince Henry arrived at Chicago at 6:30 o'clock. From the station, after he had been formally welcomed by Mayor Harrison and members of the reception committee, the prince rode to the Auditorium Hotel, through streets packed with people, whose cheers compelled the distinguished visitor to bow continually to the right and the left.

Only 30 minutes was allotted in the program to reach the hotel, and the first banquet to the prince was to follow at 7 o'clock. As the prince, escorted by Mayor Harrison, entered the banquet hall, the Chicagoans made the room ring with cheers. There were but three toasts offered, the first by F. Willis Rice, who proposed the health of Prince Henry. It was drunk amid loud cheers, and, before a third of the guests had sunk into their seats, the prince was on his feet.

"I propose the health of the president of the United States," he called in ringing tones.

The health of President Roosevelt was drained in hearty fashion. Mayor Harrison then rose from his seat.

"Long live the emperor of Germany!" he called. Once more in volume as deep as before, came cheers, all the guests waving their napkins wildly.

Shortly afterward the banquet came to a close.

The next feature of the program was the visit to the armory of the First Infantry, where the German citizens of Chicago had arranged a choral festival in his honor.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the prince, members of his suite and members of the committee left the armory for the Auditorium Hotel to take part in a ball.

The chief event of the day of the prince in Chicago was the grand ball at the Auditorium tonight. It was perhaps the most magnificent special event ever witnessed in the city, surpassing the great ball given in honor of Admiral Dewey two years ago. The decorations of the huge hall went beyond anything held in the Auditorium before. In the general scheme German and American colors were freely mingled, and formed the basis of the principal designs. The black eagle of Prussia and the stars and stripes were in evidence upon all sides. Nautical effects prevailed to great extent.

The entrance of the prince into the hall was marked with the strictest formality, and the presentation to Mrs. Harrison, his official hostess, was made in a manner as quiet as it was dignified.

The prince remained in his box for the greater part of the evening, talking for the most part with Mrs. Harrison and other ladies who were presented to him.

Supper was served in the fine arts building, which adjoins the Auditorium. Here, at the request of the prince, all formality was laid aside, and for an hour before he retired to his apartments he met and spoke to several hundred people.

THE PRINCE AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 3.—Prince Henry stopped in St. Louis nearly four hours this afternoon, and during that time was kept busy following out the program laid down for his entertainment by the local committee. From the time he entered Union station until his departure for Chicago, the royal visitor received a constant ovation.

NEW PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL.

Satisfactory Tests Made With the
Railroad Telephone.

CHICAGO, March 3.—In a test just made a train crew 100 miles from Chicago, talked over the telephone wires to Chief Operator Parsons of the Illinois Central Railroad at the Twelfth street depot. As a result, the railroad telephone was declared to be a success. The train was stopped near Fulton, Ky., and the telephone was connected with the regular telephone wire running to Chicago. In spite of the fact that the message had to travel over wires which ran parallel to more than a score of other wires every word was distinctly heard by Mr. Parsons.

The inventor asserts that it makes no difference whether or not telegraphic messages are being flashed over the wires simultaneously with the telephone message. This was tested by the successful transmission of a telegraphic communication from Fulton at the same time Parsons was conversing with the crew.

HANGED HIMSELF.

DENVER, March 3.—Adam Leach, of 382 East Four Hundredth street, hh of 382 East Fortieth street, New York city, committed suicide by hanging himself with a trunk strap to the transom of the room he was occupying. He was found by his nephew, Adam Leach, jr., who had accompanied his uncle to this city in search of health. Leach was formerly steward of the Knickerbocker Club, of New York city.

DIAMOND THIEF ARRESTED.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Raymond Fanchey, alias Loubet, a Cuban machinist, was arrested here early this morning on telegraphic orders from San Francisco, where he is said to be wanted on a charge of stealing \$9000 in diamonds and \$350 in gold. The robbery was committed on January 24, the victim being Mrs. E. O. Darling, of San Francisco. The arrest was made in the old Metropolitan hotel.

HENRY K. SHELDON.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Henry K. Sheldon, a well-known art connoisseur and director of the American Exchange bank, is dead at his home in Brooklyn.

REBELLION IS GROWING

NO END TO SOUTH AMERI-
CAN TROUBLE.

Desperate Engagement Has Re-
sulted in Defeat of Govern-
ment Forces.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Senor Manuel A. Matos, leader of the Venezuelan revolutionists, landed on the island from a small vessel Saturday night, says a Port of Spain, Trinidad, dispatch to the Herald. He left the insurgent steamship Libertador on the Venezuelan coast, near Guiria.

The Libertador is endeavoring to capture or destroy the Venezuelan gunboat Toluca, which is reported to be near Guiria. Senor Matos arrival in Trinidad has caused much excitement among Venezuelan revolutionists residing in this colony. His presence is expected to give great impetus to the revolution, which is spreading rapidly.

A desperate engagement has taken place near Carupano.

General Landeta, commanding the government forces, was defeated, General Marquez was killed and General Bravo was wounded. The insurgent Generals Vidal and Fernandez, from Guajana have joined Generals Perez and Pivas, who have a large force of revolutionists in Maturing.

There is revolt on the Guiria coast. Senor Matos will leave Trinidad in a few days for Venezuela to push the revolutionary operations.

FOUGHT A DRAW.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Benny Yanger, of Chicago, and Kid Broad, of Cleveland, fought six rounds to a draw tonight at the American Club. Yanger was in trouble during the last round and Referee Kearns' decision was hissed. The fight was fast from the outset.

IS OPPOSED TO PANAMA ROUTE

Adverse Recommendation From
Sub-Committee on Inter-
Ocean Canals.

THE DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Senate's Principal Work Was
Consideration of Shipping
Bill—Philippine Tariff in
Lower House.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The sub-committee on interoceanic canals today agreed to recommend to the full committee that the legal complications surrounding the Panama offer are such that the United States should not accept it. This sub-committee consists of Senators Morgan, Mitchell, Kittredge, Pritchard, Foster of Louisiana, and Turner. Senator Pritchard was not at the meeting today, while Senator Kittredge said that he reserved the right to make a minority report to the full committee. The other four members united in the recommendation.

SHIPPING BILL IN SENATE.

Provides for Ocean Mail Service and
Promotes Commerce.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The senate today began consideration of the shipping bill, a measure to provide for an ocean mail service between the United States and foreign ports, and for the common defense; to promote commerce and to encourage deep-sea fisheries.

Frye made an opening statement in support of the bill. He occupied the floor for two hours. The address was largely technical, but the argument listened to with close attention by senators on both sides of the chamber.

Before consideration of the shipping bill, many minor measures were accepted.

DAY IN LOWER HOUSE.

Conference Report Upon Philippine
Tariff Presented.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The house today began consideration of the bill to classify the rural free-delivery service and place carriers under the contract system. The debate was interrupted by the presentation of the conference report upon the Philippine tariff bill. Payne, the majority leader, declined to allow the minority more than 30 minutes in which to discuss the report, and this offer was rejected. A filibuster followed and the house adjourned after the previous question on adoption of the report had been ordered.

GEORGE K. GOBER DEAD.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Captain Geo. K. Gober, one of the best-known life insurance men in Chicago, is dead, aged 57 years. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in company C of Ellsworth's Zouaves, one of the first companies formed in Chicago. He participated in nearly eighty engagements and received several wounds. He served in the pension department at Washington, Detroit and South Dakota, and since 1889 had been in the insurance business in Chicago.

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